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September 15, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 ANNUAL BUDGET (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the Watershed Conservation Authority's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to pay the District's share of the Budget to continue the development and implementation of projects that enhance flood protection and water conservation while also providing open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget for the Watershed Conservation Authority.
2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to pay \$25,500 to the Watershed Conservation Authority.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the Watershed Conservation Authority's (WCA) annual budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10 (Exhibit A) in order to provide funding for the continuation of all WCA projects. Your Board's approval will allow the WCA to commence receipt and disbursement of funds in conformance with the adopted budget. The WCA is a joint powers agency comprised of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD).

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by collaborating cross jurisdictionally and developing a partnership to effectively manage and leverage our resources.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The proposed projects and other expenditures identified in the enclosed budget will be funded by Propositions 40, 50, and 84 grants awarded to the WCA by the RMC. Approval of the budget will enable the WCA to award State funds to projects of mutual interest to the LACFCD and RMC.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement previously approved between the LACFCD and RMC also provides for both parties to make contributions to the WCA. The value of the LACFCD's contribution shall not exceed \$25,000 in any fiscal year, plus \$500 per annum to cover the costs of mailing notices and other required expenditures.

Sufficient funds to cover the LACFCD's contribution have been allocated in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Flood Control District Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On April 1, 2003, Synopsis 34, your Board approved a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between the LACFCD and the RMC to create the WCA. Creation of the WCA was authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act under Government Code, Section 6500, et. seq. The role of the WCA is to facilitate the development and implementation of a comprehensive program to improve open space and recreational opportunities within the San Gabriel River and Lower Los Angeles River Watersheds that are consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge, and water conservation. The WCA is also empowered to acquire and protect lands for watershed protection, conservation, natural open space, and recreational purposes.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement entered into by the LACFCD and RMC contains several terms and conditions regarding fiscal controls over expenditures of public funds. The WCA is required to adopt an annual budget in a form approved by the LACFCD and RMC. The WCA may only disburse funds pursuant to a budget that has been adopted by the WCA and approved by your Board and the governing board of the RMC.

The WCA budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10 has been approved by the governing boards of both the WCA and RMC. Copies of the RMC and WCA resolutions are enclosed (Resolution Nos. 2009-08 and 2009-13, respectively).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed action is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Additionally, the proposed action constitutes an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The LACFCD will gain benefit from this action through the sustained operation of the WCA and the continued partnership with the RMC in developing projects of mutual interest. There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended actions.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return four adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

9/15/2009

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly legible.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

## EXHIBIT A

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**Final FY 09/10 Budget**

<b>REVENUE</b>		<b>Est. Amount</b>
<b>Administration</b>		
LA County Flood Control District	\$	25,000
RMC	\$	25,000
Carryover	\$	1,583
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>51,583</b>
<b>Operations</b>		
Duck Farm Leases	\$	134,955
Azusa River Wilderness Park Leases	\$	40,095
South Gate Riparian Park Lease	\$	23,500
Carryover	\$	-
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>198,550</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>		
RMC	\$	3,116,820
LACFCD	\$	30,382
Federal Funds	\$	320,313
Local Funds	\$	298,535
Other	\$	-
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,766,050</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ 4,016,183</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
Office Supplies & Postage	\$	1,833
Accounting/Administrative Position	\$	22,175
Bond	\$	250
Professional Services	\$	22,000
Audit	\$	25,000
Board of Directors Insurance	\$	2,500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>73,758</b>
<b>Operations - Detail Attached</b>		
Liability & Structure Insurance	\$	16,300
Umbrella Policy	\$	5,000
Ranger Patrol Services	\$	70,000
Weed Abatement	\$	10,000
Utilities	\$	4,800
Alarm Services	\$	1,920
Park Facilities	\$	-
Misc. Lease Services	\$	4,500
Minor Repairs	\$	7,000
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	\$	42,750
Transfer to Other Properties	\$	14,105
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>176,375</b>
<b>Capital Carryover - Detail Attached</b>		
RMC Grants	\$	3,116,820
LACFCD	\$	30,382
Federal Funds	\$	320,312.50
Local Funds	\$	298,535.00
Other	\$	-
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,766,050</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 4,016,183</b>

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**Final FY 09/10 Budget**

**ADMINISTRATION BUDGET DETAIL**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Total</b>
Accounting/Administrative Position		\$ 22,175.00	\$ 22,175.00
Office Supplies & Postage		\$ 1,833.00	\$ 1,833.00
Bond		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Professional Services	\$ 2,000	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
Audit		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Board of Directors Insurance		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,758.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,758.00</b>

<b>REVENUE</b>			
	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>REVENUE BALANCE 06/30/09</b>			0.00
LA County Flood Control District		\$ 25,000.00	25,000.00
RMC		\$ 25,000.00	25,000.00
Carryover		\$ 1,583.00	1,583.00
		\$ -	0.00
			0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>51,583.00</b>	<b>51,583.00</b>

**Balance                   \$           (22,175.00)**



**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**Preliminary FY 09/10 Budget**  
**Capital Outlay Budget Detail**

Project	Funding Source	RMC	Federal	LACFCD	Local	Other
Green Visions - Phase I & III	RMC3240	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,382	\$ -	\$ -
Duck Farm Planning	RMC3243	\$ 62,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Duck Farm Acquisition & Planning	RMC3255	\$ 143,575	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Walnut Creek Property	RMC3522	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARWP Relocation and Planning	RMC3596	\$ 99,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARWP Theological Property Acquisition	RMC3615	\$ 446,225	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Emerald Necklace-San Jose Creek	RMC3618	\$ 42,631	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
South Gate Riparian	RMC3634	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,320	\$ -
Duck Farm Phase 1A Development	RMC3609	\$ 1,798,389	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Duck Farm SEP		\$ -	\$ 320,313	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Duck Farm - Prop A		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,000	\$ -
Whittier Narrows Recreation Development Plan	RMC3619	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138,215	\$ -
Tax Defaulted Properties	RMC3640	\$ 100,000				
<b>Capital Outlay Sub Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,116,820</b>	<b>\$ 320,313</b>	<b>\$ 30,382</b>	<b>\$ 298,535</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**Final FY 09/10 Budget**  
**OPERATIONS BUDGET DETAIL**

Expenses Item	ARWP	DUCK FARM	SOUTH GATE	WALNUT CREEK	CITRUS HEIGHTS	TOTAL
Liability & Structure Insurance	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 16,300
Umbrella Policy	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500				\$ 5,000
Ranger Patrol Services	\$ 24,000	\$ 46,000				\$ 70,000
Weed Abatement	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -			\$ 10,000
Utilities	\$ -	\$ 4,800				\$ 4,800
Alarm Services		\$ 1,920				\$ 1,920
Park Facilities	\$ -					\$ -
Misc. Lease Services	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,500				\$ 4,500
Minor Repairs	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000				\$ 7,000
Deferred Maintenance Contingency	\$ 9,000	\$ 33,750				\$ 42,750
Transfers to Other Properties*		\$ 7,810	\$ 6,295			\$ 14,105
<b>Operations Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 47,500</b>	<b>\$ 122,280</b>	<b>\$ 6,395</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 176,375</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 40,095</b>	<b>\$ 134,955</b>	<b>\$ 23,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 198,550</b>
Balance	\$ (7,405)	\$ 12,675	\$ 17,105	\$ (100)	\$ (100)	\$ 22,175
<b>*Transfers to Other Properties</b>	<b>\$ 13,905</b>			<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 14,105</b>



July 2, 2009, Item 8A

RESOLUTION 2009-08

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS  
ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)  
APPROVING THE FY 2009/10 FINAL BUDGET FOR THE  
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the RMC is a state agency created to acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open space, low impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement and wildlife and habitat restoration and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The RMC must approve WCA's budget; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

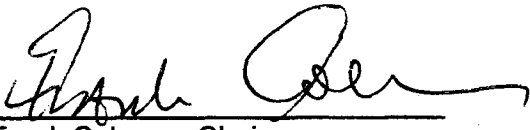
*Therefore be it resolved*, that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the RMC.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the staff report dated July 2, 2009 and the FY 2009/10 Final Budget.

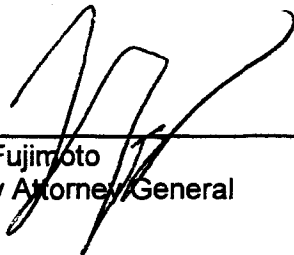
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Resolution 2009-08

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS  
CONSERVANCY on July 2, 2009.

  
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Frank Colonna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General

July 27, 2009 Item 7A

RESOLUTION 2009-13

RESOLUTION OF THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION  
AUTHORITY APPROVING THE WATERSHED  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2009/10.

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, this action will authorize approval of the Watershed Conservation Authority Final Budget Fiscal Year 2009/10; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

*Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:*

1. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. ADOPTS the staff report dated July 27, 2009.
3. APPROVES the Watershed Conservation Authority final budget for fiscal year 2009/10.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

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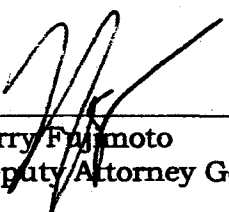
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Resolution 2009-

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the  
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY  
On July 27, 2009

ATTEST:

  
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Terry Fujimoto  
Deputy Attorney General

  
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Teresa Villegas, Chairperson